

DSS Autism Spectrum Disorder Advisory Council (ASDAC)
Meeting Minutes
November 15, 2017

Members Present: Representative Cathy Abercrombie, Shelly Maynes (representing Judy Dowd – OPM), Marcia Eckerd, Ann Gionet, Bill Halsey, Jim Loomis, Kathleen Marchione, Maris Pelkey (representing Aileen McKenna – Office of Early Childhood), John Molteni, Siobhan Morgan, Donyale Pina, Yana Razumnaya, Nikki Richer, Lois Rosenwald, Carole Ryan-Hanlon, Doriana Vicedomini, Ann Milanese

Others Present: Kathy Bruni

Members Absent: Kari Sassu, Zachary Laudano, Lynn Ricci, Representative of Bureau of Special Education

Call to Order: 10:06am

Welcome and Introduction by Bill Halsey

No Public Comments

Review and Approval of 9/20/2017 Meeting Minutes –
Motion to Approve by Representative Abercrombie
Seconded by Yana Razumnaya

Proposed By-laws Discussion: Bill Halsey discussed suggested red-line edits (see attached).

Tri-Chair Nomination: John Molteni

Update on Feasibility Study

- Autism feasibility dollars available
- \$750,000.00 Tobacco Settlement Fund, \$500,000.00 General Fund
- Request for application to align with feasibility study goals
- Suggestion to procure for innovative ideas going forward
- 2-year commitment suggestion
- BRISC
- Council approved expedited renew of previously funded programs

Autism Waiver Update by Kathy Bruni

- ECAW – last child aging out in January
- Renewal of life-span waiver under review
- 10 slots are to open up each year with approval of waiver

- Autism Resource Specialists provide information and available resources to individuals on the waitlist

Discussion:

- Subcommittee discussion – volunteer to review new proposals
- IDASH discussion – update to be provided at January 2018 ASDAC meeting
- CT 811 – Department of Housing program

Announcements:

- 11/14/2017 CAC Assistive Technology event was a success
- Bushnell Sensory-friendly performances
- DDS – Advocate’s Corner
- ASRC Resource Fair was a success
- ASRC and Autism Speaks Forum – 2/3/2018
- AMC Theatres – Sensory-friendly
- “I really believe that everyone has a talent, ability, or skill that he can mine to support himself and to succeed in life.” ~ Dean Koontz (shared by Dorian Vicedomini)

Adjournment: 11:35am

Next Meeting: **Wednesday, January 17, 2018 at 10:00am**

Legislative Office Building
Room 2A